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SUMMARY. THE STRONG EMPHASIS PLACED UPON THE NEED FOR INTERNAL UNITY BY THE NATIONAL DAY EDITORIAL SUGGESTS THAT THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAS ALREADY PEAKED. AN ACCOMPANYING THEME IS THAT ECONOMIC PRODUCTION MUST NOT BE DISRUPTED AND IS TO BE PUT BACK ON A PRIORITY TRACK. THE MASSIVE NATIONAL DAY LEADERSHIP TURNOUT HAS REVEALED A NOTABLE NUMBER OF REHABILITEES, CONFIDENTIAL

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INCLUDING HSIAO HUA, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE PLA GENERAL POLITICAL DEPARTMENT. ON THE PRC EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SCENE, THIS YEAR'S MEDIA COVERAGE OF OCTOBER 1 FESTIVITIES INCLUDED STANDARD REFERENCES TO LIBERATING TAIWAN BUT GAVE SOMEWHAT LESSER ATTENTION TO THE PRESENCE OF TAIWAN COMPATRIOTS AND OVERSEAS CHINESE. MRS. MARCOS' VISIT TO CHINA WAS CAPPED BY AN AUDIENCE WITH CHAIRMAN MAO TO ADD TO THE LIST OF UNPRECEDENTED HONORS ALREADY ACCORDED TO THE PHILIPPINE FIRST LADY. END SUMMARY.

1. NATIONAL DAY

THE NEED FOR INTERNAL UNITY WAS THE THEME FOR THE REGIME'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 1. THE EDITORIAL ISSUED FOR THE OCCASION IMPLIED THAT THE MILITANT PHASE OF THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT HAS CRESTED BUT DID NOT CLAIM VICTORY. IT SAID THE CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE WITH IDEOLOGICAL STUDY AS THE KEY FEATURE. REFERENCES TO THE ECONOMY EMPHASIZED PRODUCTION BUT SET NO NEW GOALS, IMPLYING THAT THE AIM IS TO GET PRODUCTION BACK ON THE TRACKS. THE MILITARY WAS GIVEN SHORT SHRIFT AND CITED ONLY FOR ITS DEFENSE ROLE. NO NEW POLITICAL TASKS WERE SET. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THE LONG-AWAITED CONVENING OF THE NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS, AND LAST YEAR'S TENTH PARTY CONGRESS WAS NOT MENTIONED, SUGGESTING THAT THE LATTER MAY BE A CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE IN THE WAKE OF THE MOVEMENT (HONG KONG 10804).

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2. MAO DID NOT APPEAR FOR ANY OF THE EVENTS BUT UNITY WAS OTHERWISE SYMBOLIZED IN A LARGE LEADERSHIP TURNOUT, HEADED BY AN APPARENTLY HEALTHIER CHOU EN-LAI. THE MAIN EVENT, MAMMOTH BANQUET WHICH CHOU BRIEFLY ADDRESSED, WAS ATTENDED BY FOUR OF THE FIVE PARTY VICE CHAIRMEN, INCLUDING KANG SHENG WHO CAME IN A WHEELCHAIR. VICE CHAIRMAN LI TEH-SHENG, WHO HAS BEEN IN POLITICAL TROUBLE, APPEARED IN HIS SHENYANG BASE. NCNA ACCOUNTED FOR ALL POLITBURO MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES, SAVE THE RECLUSIVE LIU PO-CHENG.

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3. REHABILITATIONS AND REAPPEARANCES

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NCNA PRODUCED A WHOPPING LIST OF NOTABLES PRESENT ON NATIONAL DAY, WHICH INCLUDED SOME REMARKABLE REHABILITATIONS--AMONG THEM HSIAO HUA, THE MILITARY'S ONE-TIME CHIEF POLITICAL COMMISSAR WHO WAS PURGED IN THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION. A NUMBER OF PROVINCIAL FIGURES PUT UNDER A CLOUD IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL MOVEMENT WERE ALSO ON HAND IN PEKING, INCLUDING HAN HSIEN-CHU, WANG CHIA-TAO, AND HSIEH CHEN-HUA. THEY MAY BE CLEARING UP THEIR CASES AT THE CENTER. SPORTS CZAR WANG MENG IS ALSO BACK IN SIGHT (HONG KONG 10767). THESE CONTINUING REHABILITATIONS AND REAPPEARANCES OF CONTROVERSIAL FIGURES ARE LIKELY RELATED TO CURRENT EFFORTS AT UNITY, ALTHOUGH IT REMAINS HARD TO GUESS AT WHAT MAY BE GOING ON BEHIND THE SCENES.

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4. LEADERSHIP: CHIANG CHING

CHIANG CHING CONTINUED HER EBULLIENT IMAGE (WR 39) WITH SOME APPARENT BEHIND THE SCENES MANEUVERING TO GIVE HERSELF A BETTER EDGE ON LEADERSHIP POSITIONING (HONG KONG 10710; PEKING 1665). THE RECENT SPATE OF SENIOR AND MIDDLE-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS TO WOMEN AND SOME PROMINENT POSITIONING OF WOMEN--THE AIR SERVICE DELEGATION TO JAPAN, RECEPTIONS FOR VISITING ALBANIAN WOMEN, AND A SEPARATE NATIONAL DAY STORY--MAY BE EXAMPLES OF MADAME MAO'S INFLUENCE (PEKING 1686).

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5. MOVEMENT

NATIONAL DAY EDITORIAL CONFIRMATION OF THE ONGOING NATURE OF THE MOVEMENT AND STUDY AS ITS KEY FOR FURTHER DEEPENING (WR 38) IS ALSO REFLECTED IN PROVINCIAL MEDIA. PROVINCIAL REFERENCES TO EXTENDING THIS STUDY INTO THE LITERARY AND ART SECTOR SUGGESTS A RECENT DEPARTURE FROM PREVIOUS MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES. HOWEVER, AN ATTACK IN A SEPTEMBER 29 KWANGSI BROADCAST ON SABOTAGE OF REVOLUTIONARY LITERATURE AND ART FORMS BY "SOME PEOPLE" ON THE INSIDE HARKENS TO EARLIER DAYS OF MOVEMENT ACTIVISM AND REPEATS AN EARLIER KWANGTUNG THEME ON OPPOSITION TO CULTURAL REFORM (HONG KONG 10311).

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6. RECENT EMPHASIS ON EXTENSION OF THE MOVEMENT INTO RURAL AREAS (HUPEH AND SHENSI BROADCASTS SEPTEMBER 25) HAS BEEN MOST STRIKING IN KWANGTUNG WHERE RURAL WORK TEAMS ARE BEING SENT TO PROMOTE THE MOVEMENT. THE KWANGTUNG MOVE, HOWEVER, IS COUCHED IN STRICT TERMS THAT TRY TO ENSURE THAT MOVEMENT ACTIVITIES DO NOT AFFECT PRODUCTION AND CANTON MEDIA HAS REITERATED THE PEOPLE'S DAILY LINE (WR 39) ON PRODUCTION SUCCESSES BEING THE RATING

POINTS FOR MOVEMENT CREDITS (HONG KONG 10806).

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ACTIVITIES OF NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS(NPC) MEMBERS CONTINUES TO CROP UP AROUSING SPECULATION ABOUT MEETINGS (WR 39). ACCORDING TO A HONG KONG SOURCE, THE LEADER OF A HONG KONG DELEGATION TO PEKING FOR NATIONAL DAY HAS BEEN SELECTED AS A FOURTH NPC DELEGATE (HONG KONG 10803). WANG CHEN, A DEPUTY TO THE NPC, LED THE CHINESE DELEGATION TO JAPAN WITH THE FIRST TWO DEPUTY LEADERS ALSO GIVEN THEIR NPC TITLES. HOWEVER, OMISSION OF REFERENCE TO THE NPC IN THE OCTOBER 1 EDITORIAL AND OTHER STRAWS-IN-THE-WIND ON POSSIBLE DOWNPLAY OF NPC MEETINGS ARE FURTHER CAUTIONS AGAINST SPECULATION ABOUT AN EARLY CONGRESS (PEKING 1700).

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8. REEDUCATION FOR LOCAL LEADERS

SHANTUNG'S TACHUNG DAILY PLAY ON YUTAI COUNTY LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT REGIME ATTENTION TO UNITY AND PARTY LEADERSHIP FROM THE TOP (SHANTUNG BROADCAST SEPTEMBER 25). THE BROADCAST NOTED THAT "CENTRAL COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS CLARIFY THE CORRECT AND ERRONEOUS LINES AND POINT OUT THE CORRECT ORIENTATION." LOCAL LEADERS THEREFORE SHOULD PAY STRICT ATTENTION TO THEIR ROLES AS MODELS AND ENSURE THAT THEIR RESPONSES TO THE CENTRAL CALL WERE ADEQUATE. YUTAI COUNTY WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL BECAUSE IT CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS AMONG ITS CADRE.

9. SIMILAR INTEREST IN CADRE RESPONSE TO POLICY GUIDANCE APPEARS IN LIAONING WHERE THE MOST RECENT MAY 7 SCHOOL SESSION HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO A YEAR AND SOME 8,000 CADRE HAVE BEEN SENT "TO WORK" IN THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH YOUTH ASSIGNEES (HONG KONG 10726). MEANSILE, KWANGTUNG WAS BUSY SENDING OFF ITS SECOND GROUP OF RURAL WORK TEAMS (120,000 CADRE AND YOUTH ACTIVISTS) WITH THE EMPHASIS PLACED ON "EDUCATION OF CADRES" AND "REVOLUTIONIZATION OF THE LEADERSHIP GROUP". USLO ALSO NOTES A REPORT OF ATTENTION IN PEKING TO REEDUCATION OF UNIVERSITY FACULTY MEMBERS (PEKING 1662).

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THERE WAS NO EDITORIAL THIS YEAR ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF MILITIA BUILDING , BUT EIGHT PROVINCIAL AND NUMICIPAL-LEVEL BROADCASTS REPORT RALLIES IN HONOR OF CHAIRMAN MAO 'S ORIGINAL SEPTEMBER 29, 1958 DIRECTIVE ON THE SUBJECT (NCNA SEPTEMBER 28, 29). THESE BROADCASTS REPEAT THE LINE OF PARTY CONTROL OVER THE MILITIA. BUT SUGGEST CONTINUED DEBATE OVER THE EXACT MIX BETWEEN THE MILITIA'S MILITARY, PUBLIC SECURITY POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FUNCTIONS.
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111. A SZECHWAN BROADCAST (SEPTEMBER 28) ANNOUNCED THE FORMATION FO CHUNGKING'S MINICIPAL MILITIA COMMAND UNDER PARY LEADERSHIP. CHUNGKING NOW BECOMES ONE OF ONLY A HALF-DOZEN OR SO AREAS TO EMPHASIZE URBAN MILITIA BUILDING, INDICATING THAT RESPONSE TO LAST YEAR'S JOINT PEOPLE'S DAILY-- LIBERATION ARMY DAILY EDITORIAL (1973 HONG KONG 9985) TO STRENGTHEN THE URBAN MILITIA HAS BEEN SLOW.
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12. UNITED STATES

SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. A NEW WRINKEL ON THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION WAS NOTED WITH PEKING'S REMOVAL OF THE LAST ANTI-AMERICAN SLOGAN FLANKING TIEN AN MEN SQUARE (PEKING 1673). IN PARIS, PRC AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE TSENG TAO, ATTENDING AMBASSADOR IRWIN'S FAREWELL RECEPTION, EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH IMPROVING SINO-U.S. RELATIONS BUT EMPHASIZED THAT THE PACE SHOULD BE ACCELERATED. TSENG, WHO HAD RETURNED TO POST JUST HOURS EARLIER. WAS PRESUMABLY REFLECTING THE LATEST VIEW FROM PEKING (PARIS 22951).
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13. U.S. ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND CONTENTION WITH THE SOVIETS. PRC MEDIA HAS CONTINUED TO FEATURE GLOOMY REPORTS OF THE U.S. ECONOMIC PICTURE. CITING WASHINGTON DESPATCHES, NCNA NOTED THAT THE U.S. ECONOMIC SUMMIT FAILED TO YIELD RESULTS BUT OBSERVED THAT THE PRESIDENT EXPECTED "NO MIRACLE CURE". NCNA CARRIED A LARGELY FACTUAL REPORT OF CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL FOR A RECORD FY 1975 DEFENSE BUDGET, ATTRIBUTING ITS APPROVAL AT A TIME OF ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES TO INTENSIFIED U.S. - SOVIET CONTENTION. IN LINE WITH THE LATTER CONCERN, PEKING PROBABLY LOOKS FAVORABLY UPON
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THE RESULTS OF THE ITALIAN PRESIDENT'S VISIT THE U.S. NCNA NOTED THAT THE JOING COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMED THE IMPORTANCE OF NATO AND EUROPEAN UNITY AS WELL AS A CONTINUATION OF U.S. EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH EUROPE (NCNA SEPTEMBER 25-30).
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14. NATION ADAY AND TAIWAN

ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR'S JOINT EDITORIAL INCLUJAD THE STANDARD REFERENCE TO CHINA'S DETERMINATION TO LIBERATE TAIWAN, COMPATRIOTS FROM TAIWAN WERE NOT SINGLED OUT FOR EXTNSIVE MENTION. UNLIKE THE PAST TWO YEARS WHEN THE STATE COUNCIL HOSTED A RECEPTION WHICH WAS SPECIFICALLY BILLED AS FOR "COMPATRIOTS FROM TAIWAN." ETC., THIS YEAR'S LOWER LEVEL RECEPTION WAS HELD FOR "OVERSEAS CHINESE AND FOREIGNERS OF CHINESE ORIGIN." WE NOTE ALSO THAT ONLY THE HONG KONG PRC-OWNED PRESS HAS CARRIED STORIES TO THE

SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION CELEBRATIONS IN NEW YORK WHICH URGED THE EARLY LIBERATION OF TAIWAN (NCNA SEPTEMBER29-OCTOBER 2).

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15. THE PHILIPPINES

MRS. MARCO' FLATTERING RESPONSE TO PEKING'S LAVISH HOSPITALITY DURING HER SEPTEMBER 20-29 VISIT SYMBOLICALLY CATAPULTED CHINA AND THE PHILIPPINES FURTHER TOWEPD DIPLOMAUC RELATIONS. DURING THE PAST WEEK MRS. MARCOS HAD AN UNSCHEDULED MEETING WITH MAO (SEPTEMBER 27) AND RECEIVED AN UNPRECEDENTED INVITATION FROM CHIANG CHING TO EXTEND HER VISIT TO OCTOBER 2 (WHICH WAS DIPLOMATICALLY PROLONGED ONLY TO SEPTEMBER 29). MRS. MARCOS STATED

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HER VISIT HAD BEGUN A "NEW AND EVENTFUL TREND IN THE TWO COUNTRIES' RELATIONS" AND WAS LIKE "REDISCOVERING AN OLD FRIEND".

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16. JAPAN

INAUGURATION OF AIR LINKS BETWEEN TOKYO AND PEKING HIGHLIGHTED THE SEPTEMBER 29 CELEBRATION MARKING THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE NORMALIZATION OF SINO-JAPAN RELATIONS. IN ADDITION TO PRC MEDIA REPORTS OF CELEBRATIONS IN THE TWO CAPITALS, A PEOPLE'S DAILY (SEPTEMBER 29) EDITORIAL DESCRIBED THE OPENING OF THE NEW "AERIAL BRIDGE" AS A LOGICAL AND MUTUALLY DESIRED DEVELOPMENT. PREMIER CHOU AND PRIME MINISTER TANAKA EXCHANGED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES.

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17. AT A PEKING RECEPTION LIAO CHING-CHIH REITERATED CHINA'S HOPE FOR AN EARLY CONCLUSION OF A SINO-JAPANESE TREATY OF PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP. JAPANESE OFFICIALS IN TOKYO CONFIRMED THAT PREMIER CHOU SENT A VERBAL MESSAGE TO TANAKA ALONG THESE LINES IN AUGUST. BUT ACCORDING TO AMEMBASSY TOKYO, THE JAPANESE CONSIDERED VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA'S SEPTEMBER 26 NEW YORK MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA THE FIRST FORMAL INDICATION OF CHINA'S INTEREST IN OPENING TALKS (TOKYO 12597; NCNA SEPTEMBER 25, 28, 29).
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18. UNITED NATIONS

THE PRC MEDIA STILL HAS MADE NO MENTION OF PRESIDENT FORD'S UN ADDRESS. IN GENERAL, MEDIA COVERAGE OF UNGA AFFAIRS HAS FOLLOWED THE USUAL PRACTICE OF PRINTING SELECTIVE EXCERPTS OF SPEECHES SUPPORTING WELL-KNOWN PRC POSITIONS. RECEIVING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WERE THE ADDRESS THE ALBANIAN VICE FOREIGN MINISTER AND THE PAKISTAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S CALL FOR A SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE. CHINESE MEDIA GAVE INCREASED PROMINENCE TO KHIEU SWXPHAN BY CARRYING HIS LENGTHY STATEMENT ON GRUNK'S LEGITIMATE UN RIGHTS. PEKING APPLAUDED THE UNGA REJECTION OF THE CREDENTIALS OF SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVES (NCNA SEPTEMBER 26-30).
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19. AFRICA

FOR PEKING, MAURITANIA PRESIDENT OULD DADDAH'S SECOND VISIT TO CHINA SEEMED LESS THAN A COMPLETE SUCCESS. ON THE EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE SEPTEMBER 28, HE COMMENTED FAVORABLY ON TALKS WITH MAO AND CHOU AND REVEALED THE CONCLUSION OF A NEW BILATERAL ECONOMIC

AND TECHNICAL AGREEMENT. DESPITE DADDAH'S REFERENCE TO THE TWO COUNTRIES' BROAD IDENTITY OF VIEWS," HE , HOWEVER, SAID NOTHING ABOUT SPECIFIC ISSUES AND CONSISTENTLY STEERED CLEAR OF VOICING SUPPORT FOR PEKING'S STANDARD PROPAGANDA LINES (NCNA SEPTEMBER 25-27).

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20. PAKISTAN

IN A FURTHER DISPLAY OF SINO-PAKISTANI FRIENDSHIP, VICE FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN -HUA, HEAD OF THE PRC'S UNGA DELEGATION, STOPPED IN RAWALPINDI

SEPTEMBER 25-26 ON HIS WAY TO NEW YORK. THE STOPOVER AND EXCHANGE OF VIEWS PLUS NCNA'S REPORTING OF PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S "FRIENDLY VISIT" TO A CHINESE BORDER POST ON SEPTEMBER 24 AND HIS DENUNCIATION OF INDIAN ACTIONS IN KASHMIR ALL APPEAR DIRECTED AT THE DNJFAN AUDIENCE. DURING THE WEEK, HOWEVER, PRC MEDIA HAS CARRIED ONLY TWO SHORT ARTICLE ON INDIAN " ANNEXATION " OF SIKKIM, INDICATING THAT THIS ISSUE, PENDING FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS, MAY HAVE RUN ITS COURSE (NCNA SEPTEMBER 25-0).

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